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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98 and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement that was filed on August 4, 2006, Applicants hereby submit a copy of a Notification of Transmittal of Copies of Translation of the International Preliminary Report on Patentability (including Forms PCT/IB/338, PCT/IB/373 and PCT/ISA/237) with respect to International Patent Application No. PCT/JP2004/016421, of which the present application is the U.S. National Stage Application. The following documents were cited in the International Preliminary Report on Patentability:

- (1) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No.2001-014441, along with patent family members U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0221103 and European Patent Application Publication No. EP 1 050 887; and

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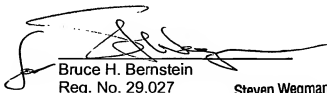
- (2) BALL et al., translated by Naoto ISHIKAWA, Corrected 3rd printing, Standard Red Hat Linux Reference, Red Hat Co. ("Kaitei 3 Han Hyojun Red Hat Linux Reference," Red Hat Kabushiki Kaisha), August 1, 2001, pages 58-62.

The relevance of these documents, as ascertained by the International Examiner, is set forth in the International Preliminary Report on Patentability. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the same.

Applicants note that all of the above-noted documents were previously cited in the Information Disclosure Statement that was filed on August 4, 2006, and thus, copies of these documents are not provided herewith. Also, Applicants note that no fee or certification is required to ensure consideration of these materials, as they were already submitted, as well as because no action on the merits has been issued in the present application.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully Submitted,
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